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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my discontent with the current Microsoft Antitrust settlement. The initial case found Microsoft guilty of predatory practises and to be a monopoly, however the punishment was diluted to no more than a slap on the wrist. It has been proven that Microsoft used its Operating System market share and influence to force out competitors in the internet browser market, and good arguments can be made that they have done the same in office/business applications. The only way to ensure these practises are not continued is to break up the company into operating system and application daughter companies, with oversight to ensure special treatment is not given to ex-MS companies over their competitors in each market. Barring the dismantling of the illegal monopoly, it is imperrative that the operating system APIs become open to all so that competitors in the application markets will be on a level playing field with the Microsoft applications. Information is power, and third party developers have been specifically kept from full disclosure, thus at a great disadvantage.

The monopoly of Microsoft must be ended.

Thank you for your time,
Sincerely,
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